

To Our Guests: We are happy to have you worship with us today. We invite you to join us each Sunday, as we worship and study God's word. If you would like more information concerning our church, you may fill out one of the Welcome Cards in the pews and place it in the offering plate, talk to the ushers or call the church office at 850-526-2430. www.firstpresmarianna.org

Nursery Care is available for children Kindergarten and below during our Worship Service each Sunday morning.

The Poinsettias gracing our Sanctuary today are given to the Glory of God by Joy Hinton.

THIS WEEK IN OUR CHURCH

Today, December 3rd FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

9:45 a.m. – Sunday School
10:00 a.m. – Choir Rehearsal
11:00 a.m. – Worship Service
5:00 p.m. -- YOUTH Group

Monday, December 4th

9:00 a.m. - Ladies Exercise Class
6:00 p.m. Adult Sunday School Party – The Oaks

Tuesday, December 5th

3:30 p.m. - Food Pantry Bagging

Wednesday, December 6th

9:00 – 11:00 a.m. – Food Pantry
3:00 – 5:00 p.m. WWW including Pageant Practice
4:30 P.M. Choir Rehearsal + Cantata Practice
6:00 p, - Covered Dish and Christmas experience # 3

Thursday, December 7th

10:30 a.m. Alzheimers Group Meeting
7:00 a.m. – NA Meeting

Friday, December 8th

9:00 a.m.-Ladies Exercise Class

Saturday, December 9th

10:00 a.m. Wildflower Christmas Brunch (“sold out”)

Sunday, December 10th

9:30 a.m. – Coffee, Juice and Fellowship
9:45 a.m. – Sunday School
10:00 a.m. – Choir Rehearsal
11:00 a.m. – Worship

Bell Ringing at Winn Dixie Monday & Tuesday 10-5:30
(Salvation Army)

First Presbyterian Prays for: (new requests in bold!)

Family & Friends of Rusty Kent, who passed away
Hanna Lendrum (Chuck Morgan's Sister)
Tommy Young (Requested by Muriel Turner)
Wayne Avery (Larry Spivey's Nephew)
Ruthanne & Jeff Allen (Requested by Frankie Stewart)
Hunter & Lu Daffin
Cindy Yant
Avalyn Barber (Requested by Muriel Turner)
Angela Gallimore of Wilmington, NC (requested by Betty Joyce Hand)
Abby Reed (Granddaughter of Mary Wierman)
Charlotte Hunter (Requested by family)
Gina Stuart
Fletcher Dunaway (requested by Mary Bevis Schmidt)
Jean Logan (requested by Glennis Wright, sister)
Emmy Granger (requested by Beverly Hinson)
Jeannine Lueken, (requested by Nancy Arunakul)
Howard Alig, Cindy Morgan's brother
Ginny Rose, Brooke Grant and Malaki Grant
(family of Carol and Dennis Maxson)
Heidi Stone (requested by Jennifer Stafford)
Elizabeth Walker and her brother Stanley Littleton
Kim Love (requested by Joan Stadskev)
Linda Sue Bevis (requested by Mary Bevis Schmidt-sister)
Destry Burch (requested by Mary Bevis Schmidt-Nephew)
Doris Irwin
Louise Pumphrey
Louise Daffin,
Bobbie Harris (requested by Kathy Roberts- her sister)
Melanie Turner McCroan
Shelby Kandle (requested by family)
Gail Stearn (Guy Green's Sister)
Kena Nelson (requested by Hazel Nelson)
Marie Lanier (requested by Joy Lewis)

“Let there be Christmas”

Christmas Cantata

By

Joseph M. Martin

Presented by

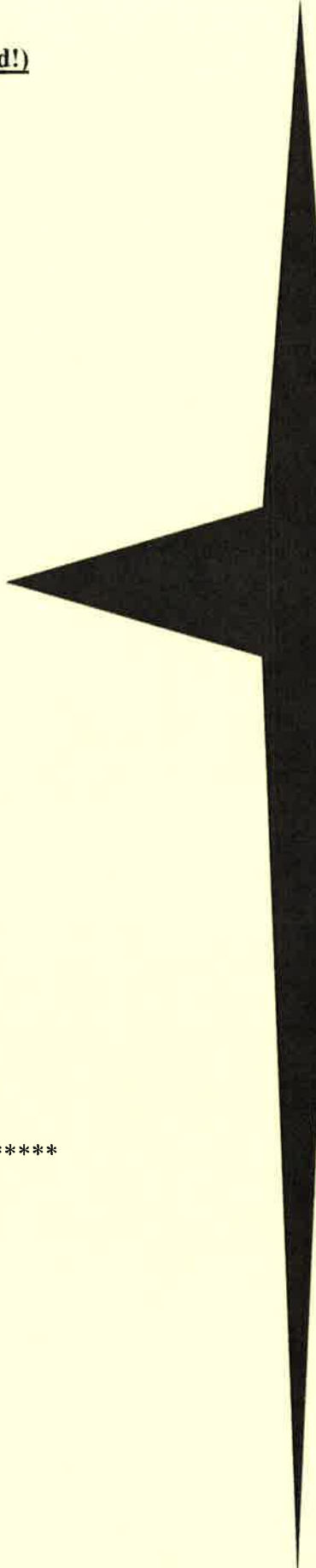
First Presbyterian Church

&

First United Methodist Church

December 10, 2017

6:00 P.M.



First
Presbyterian
Church
of
Marianna
Serving
GOD
with
Faith
Hope
Love

Since 1835
2898 Jefferson St.
Marianna, FL 32446

Celebration of Worship

First Sunday of Advent
December 3, 2017
11:00 a.m.

Gather - Assemble in God's Name

Prelude

The Chiming of the Hour

Welcome and Sharing of Community Life

The First Sunday of Advent: **Hope**

Leader: Today is the first Sunday of Advent, the Sunday of Hope.

People: Our hope is in God, and in his Son, Jesus Christ. He is the one appointed by God to be judge of all things. He is the one through whom God has promised to save and redeem his people.

Jan Howell: We light this candle today to remind us that he is our hope and the hope of the world. We thank God for the promises he has made to us and for the light He has brought into the world.

Light the First Candle

ALL: Let us pray:

O God of Hope, Emmanuel, God with us – we pray you send your light into our hearts at this time. Help us to be ready for the day and the hour of Christ's final appearing. Live in us and help us to live in you. By the power of the Holy Spirit, transform us so that our worship, our celebration, our time of preparation, may be pleasing unto you – both now – and forevermore. Amen.

***Hymn of Praise** "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"
Page #2, Hymnal

***Prayer of Confession (In Unison)**

O God of all knowledge, in whom there is no darkness and before whom there are no secrets, we appear before you with souls fully exposed. Bring to light anything in us that is unworthy, and call us out of darkness into your marvelous light.

***A time for Silent Confession**

***Assurance of Forgiveness**

Friends believe the Good News of the Gospel!
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

***The Response of Praise and Gratitude**

"Gloria"
(Chorus)
Gloria in excelsis Deo;
Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Grow - Proclaim God's Word

Children's Message

Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 64:1-9
Pew Bible, Page #606

Choral Anthem

"Come Share God's Gift"

*Words By: Nancy Price and Don Besig
Music By: Don Besig*

"New Testament Lesson

Luke 2:15-20
Pew Bible Page #833

Message "Let Us Go to Bethlehem and Find the Faith of Christmas" John T. Wamsley

***Statement of Christian Beliefs (In Unison)**

God sent the promised Deliverer to His people.
Jesus, the long expected Savior,
Came into the world as a child,
Descended from David,
Conceived by the Holy Spirit,
Born of Mary, a virgin.
He lived as a Jew among Jews,
He announced to His people,
the coming of God's Kingdom
of justice and peace on earth.

***Hymn** "Watchman, Tell Us of the Night" Page #20,
Hymnal

Offertory

Prayer of Dedication & Offering

Give Thanks To God

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper
Invitation to the Lord's Table
Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer
Service of the Holy Communion
(Please hold the elements until all have been served.)

Go - In God's Name

***Hymn** "Prepare the Way" Page #13, Hymnal

***Benediction and Congregational Response**

"May the Lord, Mighty God" Page #596, Hymnal

May the Lord, mighty God, bless and keep you forever;
Grant you peace, perfect peace, courage in every endeavor.
Lift up your eyes and see God's face, full of grace forever;
May the Lord, mighty God, bless and keep you ever.

Postlude

***Those who are able, please stand.
& Please silence cell phones.**